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SUBJECT: PLANS FOR BOARDING OF MOROCCAN OBSERVER ON R/V
EASTWARD

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1. MOROCCAN PARTICIPANT IN ACTIVITIES OF R/V EASTWARD
DURING MISSION JULY 21-AUGUST 3, MR. MUSTAPHA EL ASRI
OF GOM MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES, MET AND BRIEFED
BY EMBOFF ON JULY 6. MR. EL ASRI WILL MAKE HIS OWN
TRAVELARRANGEMENTS TO AND FROM BARCELONA AND ADVISE
EMBASSY RABAT HIS ETA BARCELONA AS SOON AS RESERVATIONS
COMPLETED. IF MR. EL ASRI COULD BE MET AT BARCELONA
AIRPORT, EITHER BY SHIPPING AGENT OR MEMBER OF DUKE
UNIVERSITY PARTY, THIS WOULD HELP ENSURE THAT HE ARRIVES
AT THE PROPER PLACE AT THE PROPER TIME.

2. MR. EL ASRI INFORMED BY EMBOFF THAT SHIP'S CAPTAIN,
MR. SANDOY, WOULD REIMBURSE HIM FOR COST OF ROUND-TRIP
AIR TICKET MOROCCO-BARCELONA-MOROCCO UPON ARRIVAL ON
BOARD.

3. SOME BACKGROUND ON MR. EL ASR; HE IS A GRADUATE
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OF THE MOHAMMEDIA SCHOOL OF MINES WITH A DEGREE IN
GEOLOGY. HE INFORMED EMBOFF THAT HE HAD PARTICIPATED
IN THREE PREVIOUS MARINE RESEARCH EXPEDITIONS OFF THE
MOROCCAN COAST. MR. EL ASRI'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE
COMPETENCE BEST DESCRIBED AS FAIR; HE REGULARLY READS
PERIODICALS IN ENGLISH BUT HAS HAD LITTLE OPPORTUNITY
FOR CONVERSATIONAL PRACTICE. IF MEMBER OF DUKE UNIVERSITY

PARTY IS FLUENT IN FRENCH, THIS WILL NO DOUBT FACILITATE
COMMUNICATIONS.

4. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE DEPARTMENT, INFO AMEMBASSY
MADRID, OF MR. EL ASRI'S TRAVEL PLANS AS SOON AS
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